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**Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United  
Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,  
QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.**

*To all to whom these Presents shall come,—GREETING :*

**W**HEREAS under and by virtue of an Act of our Parliament of the Province of Canada, passed in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth years of Our Reign, and intituled : " An Act to authorize the granting of charters of incorporation to Manufacturing, Mining and other Companies," Our Governor General in Council may grant by letters patent under the great seal of Our said Province, a charter of incorporation to any number of persons not less than five, who shall petition therefor, and may constitute such persons and others who may become shareholders in any such company a body corporate and politic for any of the purposes therein mentioned.

AND WHEREAS by Petition addressed to our Governor General in Council, and dated the twenty-fourth day of January in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, one WILLIAM SULLIVAN CHILDS, of the City of Montreal, in our said Province, Merchant ; one BENJAMIN WALTON, of the City of Toronto, in our said Province, Esquire ; one HENRY CRAMPTON LLOYD, of the Village of Melbourne, in our said Province, Esquire ; one SAMUEL SOWERS BOWERS, of the same place, Physician, and one DAVID CHILDS ROGERS, of the City of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, one of the United States of America. Esquire,—

have prayed that a charter of incorporation, embodying and setting forth the general provisions of the above in part recited Act, except clauses Eleven, Sixteen, Seventeen and Eighteen, of the 5th Section thereof, which they have prayed may be omitted from the Letters Patent pursuant to the authority in that behalf of section six of the said Act, may be granted to them and to such other persons as are or may become shareholders in a Company formed for the purpose of opening and working quarries of Marble, Slate or other economic minerals or mineral substances, and the manufacture, exportation and sale thereof.

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of the above in part recited Act, notice was published in the Canada Gazette for at least one month, previous to the presentation of the petition hereinbefore mentioned, in which notice it was stated that the said William Sullivan Childs, the said Benjamin Walton, the said Henry Crampton Lloyd, the said Samuel Sowers Bowers and the said David Childs Rogers, being no less than five of the applicants who have petitioned as aforesaid, intending to apply for such Charter; that the proposed Corporate name of the Company is "THE MELBOURNE SLATE COMPANY;" that the object or purpose for which Incorporation is sought is opening and working of Mines and Quarries of Marble, Slate and other economic minerals and mineral substances, and the manufacture, exportation and sale thereof; that the place where the operations of the Company are to be carried on are the City of Montreal and the Village of Melbourne in our said Province, and the City of Boston in the State of Massachusetts, one of the United States of America; that the amount of the Capital Stock of the said Company is Four hundred thousand dollars; that the number of shares is Eight thousand, and the amount of each share is Fifty dollars; that the amount of the stock subscribed is Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; that the amount paid in is Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars invested in real estate.

AND WHEREAS it has been proved to the satisfaction of Our Governor in Council, that the said applicants have complied

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with all the requirements of the said Act, as to matters preliminary to the issue of Letters Patent.

NOW KNOW YE, that by and with the advice of our Executive Council of Our Province of Canada, and under the authority of the hereinbefore in part recited Statute and of any other power or authority whatsoever in Us vested in this behalf, We do by these Our Letters patent constitute the said William Sullivan Childs, the said Benjamin Walton, the said Henry Crampton Lloyd, the said Samuel Sowers Bowers and the said David Childs Rogers, and all and every such other person or persons as now is or are or shall at any time hereafter become shareholders in the said Company, under the provisions of the said Act, and the by-laws made under the authority thereof, and their successors, a body corporate and politic with perpetual succession and a common seal by the name of "THE MELBOURNE SLATE COMPANY," and capable forthwith of exercising all the functions of an incorporated Company, as if incorporated by a special Act of Parliament, and by their corporate name of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded in all Courts whether in law or equity.

With POWER to the said Company to open and work quarries of Marble, Slate or other economic minerals or mineral substances, and to manufacture, export and sell the same.

AND the said the Company hereby incorporated shall be subject to the general provisions of Law, set forth in the said recited Act, except clauses Eleven, Sixteen, Seventeen and Eighteen, which are hereby omitted from these Letters Patent pursuant to the petition of the said applicants and the authority of the said Act, that is to say :

1. The affairs of the Company shall be managed by a Board of not less than three, nor more than nine Directors.

2. The said William Sullivan Childs, the said Benjamin Walton, the said Henry Crampton Lloyd, the said Samuel Sowers Bowers, and the said David Childs Rogers, shall be the Directors of the Company, until replaced by others duly chosen in their stead ;

**Qualification.**

3. No person shall be elected or chosen as a Director thereafter, unless he is a Shareholder, owning Stock absolutely in his own right, and not in arrear in respect of any call thereon ;

**Election.**

4. The after Directors of the Company shall be elected by the Shareholders, in general meeting of the Company assembled, at such times, in such wise, and for such term, as the By-laws of the Company may prescribe ;

**As to elections, when not otherwise provided for.**

5. In default only of other express provisions in such behalf by the By-laws of the Company,—

(a) Such election shall take place yearly, all the members of the Board retiring, and (if otherwise qualified) being eligible for re-election

(b) Notice of the time and place for holding general meetings of the Company shall be given at least ten days previously thereto, in some newspaper published at or as near as may be to the office or chief place of business of the Company ;

(c) At all general meetings of the Company, every Shareholder shall be entitled to as many votes as he owns shares in the Company, and may vote by proxy ;

(d) Elections of Directors shall be by ballot ;

**Vacancies.**

(e) Vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled for the unexpired remainder of the term, by the Board from among the qualified Shareholders of the Company ;

**President.**

(f) The Directors shall from time to time elect from among themselves a president of the Company ; and shall also name, and may remove at pleasure, all other officers thereof ;

**In case of failure of election.**

6. If at any time an election of Directors be not made or do not take effect at the proper time, the Company shall not be held to be thereby dissolved ; but such election may take place at any general meeting of the Company duly called for that purpose ;

**Powers of Directors.**

7. The Directors of the Company shall have full power in all things to administer the affairs of the Company, and may make or cause to be made for the Company any description of contract which the Company may by law enter into ; and may

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from time to time make By-laws not contrary to law, to regulate the allotment of Stock, the making of calls thereon, the payment thereof, the issue and registration of certificates of Stock, the forfeiture of Stock for non-payment, the disposal of forfeited Stock and of the proceeds thereof, the transfer of Stock, the declaration and payment of dividends, the number of the Directors, their term of service, the amount of their Stock qualification, the appointment, functions, duties and removal of all agents, officers and servants of the Company the security to be given by them to the Company, their remuneration and that (if any) of the Directors, the time at which and the place or places where the Annual Meetings of the Company shall be held, and where the business of the Company, shall be conducted, and if the Company be a Mining Company, one (or more) of such places may be without this Province,—the calling of meetings, regular and special, of the Board of Directors, and of the Company, the quorum, the requirements as to proxies, and the procedure in all things at such meetings, the imposition and recovery of all penalties and forfeitures admitting of regulation by By-law, and the conduct in all other particulars of the affairs of the Company; and may from time to time repeal, amend or re-enact the same; but every such By-law, and every repeal, amendment or re-enactment thereof, unless in the meantime confirmed at a General Meeting of the Company duly called for that purpose, shall only have force until the next Annual Meeting of the Company, and default of confirmation thereat, shall, from that time only, cease to have force;

Power to make By-Laws; and for what purposes.

Proviso: By-laws must be confirmed by general meetings.

8. A copy of any By-law of the Company, under their seal, and purporting to be signed by any officer of the Company, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of such By-law in all Courts of Law or Equity in this Province;

Proof of By-laws.

9. The stock of the Company shall be deemed personal estate, and shall be transferable, in such manner only, and subject to all such conditions and restrictions as by the *Letters Patent*, or by the By-laws of the Company, shall be prescribed;

Transfer of Stock.

10. The Directors of the Company may call in and demand

Calls on Stock.



Interest on  
calls unpaid.

from the Shareholders thereof respectively, all sums of money by them subscribed, at such time and places, and in such payments or instalments, as the By-laws of the Company may require or allow; and interest shall accrue and fall due, at the rate of six per centum per annum, upon the amount of any unpaid call, from the day appointed for payment of such call;

11. (*Omitted on the petition of the applicants pursuant to section six of the Act aforesaid*)

Enforcing  
payment of  
calls.

12. The Company may enforce payment of all calls and interest thereon, by action in any competent Court; and in such action it shall not be necessary to set forth the special matter, but it shall be sufficient to declare that the Defendant is a holder of one share or more, stating the number of shares, and is indebted in the sum of money to which he calls in arrear amount, in respect of one call or more upon one share or more stating the number of calls and the amount of each, whereby an action hath accrued to the Company under this Act; and a certificate under their seal, and purporting to be signed by any Officer of the Company, to the effect that the Defendant is a Shareholder, and that so much is due by him and unpaid thereon, shall be received in all Courts of Law and Equity as *Prima facie* evidence to that effect;

What only  
need be alleged  
and proved.

Proof.

Forfeiture for  
non-payment.

13. If, after such demand or notice as by the By-laws of the Company may be prescribed, any call made upon any share or shares be not paid within such time as by such By-laws may be limited in that behalf, the Directors, in their discretion, by vote to that effect, reciting the facts and duly recording in their minutes, may summarily forfeit any shares whereon such payment is not made; and the same shall thereupon become the property of the Company, and may be disposed of as by By-law or otherwise they shall ordain;

Calls must be  
paid before  
transfer.

14. No share shall be transferable, until all previous calls thereon have been fully paid in, or until declared forfeited for non-payment of calls thereon or sold under execution;

Shareholders  
in arrear not  
to vote.

15. No Shareholder being in arrear in respect of any call shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Company;

16, 17, 18, (*Omitted on the petition of applicants pursuant to section six of the Act aforesaid.*)

19. The Company shall cause a book or books to be kept by the Secretary, or by some other Officer specially charged with that duty, wherein shall be kept recorded—

*Books to be kept.*

1. A correct copy of the Letters Patent incorporating the Company, as also, of any and every By-law thereof;

*What to contain.*

2. The names, alphabetically arranged, of all persons who are or have been Shareholders;

3. The address and calling of every such person, while such Shareholder;

4. The number of shares of stock held by each Shareholder;

5. The amounts paid in, and remaining unpaid, respectively, on the stock of each Shareholder;

6. All transfers of stock, in their order as presented to the Company for entry, with the date and other particulars, of each transfer, and the date of the entry thereof; and—

7. The names, addresses and calling, of all persons who are, or have been Directors of the Company; with the several dates at which each became or ceased to be such Director;

20. The Directors may refuse to allow the entry into any such book, of any transfer of Stock whereof the whole amount has not been paid in; and no transfer made with the view of relieving the transferor from pre-existing debts of the Company shall be valid or prevent any antecedent creditor from exercising his remedy against such transferor in the same way as if he had continued to be a Shareholder in such Company; provided, that nothing in this sub-section shall prevent the effect of chapter seventy of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, as regards any such stock seized and sold in execution;

*Directors may disallow transfer of stock in certain cases.*

*Proviso; as to stock taken in execution.*

21. No transfer of stock shall be valid for any purpose whatever, save only as exhibiting the rights of the parties thereto towards each other, and as rendering the transferee liable *ad interim* jointly and severally with the transferor, to the Company and their creditors,—until entry thereof has been duly made in such book or books,

*Effect of transfer limited until allowed.*

Books to be open to Stockholders and Creditors of Company.

22. Such books shall, during reasonable business hours of every day, except Sundays and obligatory holidays (*fetes d'obligation*) be kept open for the inspection of Shareholders and creditors of the Company, and their personal representatives, at the office or chief place of business of the Company; and every such Shareholder, creditor or representative, may make extracts therefrom;

Effect as evidence.

23. Such books shall be *prima facie* evidence of all facts purporting to be thereby stated, in any suit or proceeding against the Company or against any Shareholder;

Penalty for making untrue entries.

24. Every Director, officer or servant of the Company, who knowingly makes or assists to make any untrue entry in any such book, or who refuses or neglects to make any proper entry therein, or to exhibit the same or to allow the same to be inspected and extracts to be taken therefrom, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for making each such untrue entry and for each such refusal or neglect, and also for all loss or damage which any party interested may have sustained thereby;

Company not bound to see to Trusts on shares.

25. The Company shall not be bound to see to the execution of any trust, whether express, implied or constructive, in respect of any shares; and the receipt of the Shareholder in whose name the same may stand in the books of the Company, shall be a valid and binding discharge to the Company for any dividend or money payable in respect of such shares, and whether or not notice of such trust shall have been given to the Company; and the Company shall not be bound to see to the application of the money paid upon such receipt;

Contracts, &c., by the Company: how to be executed.

26. Every contract, agreement, engagement or bargain made, and every bill of exchange drawn, accepted or endorsed, and every promissory note and cheque made, drawn or endorsed on behalf of the Company, by any agent, officer or servant of the Company, in general accordance with his powers as such under the By-laws of the Company, shall be binding upon the Company; and in no case shall it be necessary to have the seal of the Company affixed to any such contract, agreement, engagement, bargain, bill of exchange, promissory

note or cheque, or to prove that the same was made, drawn, accepted or endorsed, as the case may be, in pursuance of any By law, or special vote or order; nor shall the party so acting as agent, officer or servant of the Company, be thereby subjected individually to any liability whatsoever to any third party, therefore; provided, always, that nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the Company to issue any note payable to the bearer thereof, or any promissory note intended to be circulated as money, or as the note of a Bank;

Provido: as to bank-notes.

27. Each Shareholder, until the whole amount of his Stock has been paid up, shall be individually liable to the creditors of the Company, to an amount equal to that not paid up thereon; but shall not be liable to an action therefor by any creditor, before an execution against the Company has been returned unsatisfied in whole or in part; and the amount due on such execution shall be the amount recoverable, with costs, against such Shareholders;

Liberty of Shareholders.

28. The shareholders of the Company shall not as such be held responsible for any act, default or liability whatsoever, of the Company, or for any engagement, claim, payment, loss, injury, transaction, matter or thing whatsoever, relating to or connected with the Company, beyond the amount of their respective shares in the capital stock thereof;

Liberty of shareholders, limited.

29. No person holding stock in the company as an executor, administrator, tutor, curator, guardian or trustee, shall be personally subject to liability as a shareholder, but the estates and funds in the hands of such person, shall be liable in like manner, add to the same extent, as the testator or intestate or the minor, ward or interdicted person, or the person interested in such trust fund, would be, if living and competent to act, and holding such stock in his own name; and no person holding such stock as collateral security, shall be personally subject to such liability, but the person pledging such stock shall be considered as holding the same, and shall be liable as a Shareholder accordingly;

As to Stock held by persons in a representative capacity.

30. Every such executor, administrator, tutor, curator, guardian or trustee, shall represent the stock in his hands, at all

Voting on such Stock.

meetings of the Company, and may vote accordingly as a Shareholder; and every person who pledges his stock may nevertheless represent the same at all such meetings, and may vote accordingly as a Shareholder;

Penalty for  
paying divi-  
dends when  
Company is  
insolvent, &c.

31. If the Directors of the Company declare and pay any dividend when the Company is insolvent, or any dividend the payment of which renders the Company insolvent, or diminishes the capital stock thereof, they shall be jointly and severally liable, as well to the company as to the individual Shareholders and creditors thereof, for all debts of the Company then existing, and for all thereafter contracted during their continuance in office, respectively; but if any Director present when such dividend is declared do forth with, or if any Director then absent do within twenty-four hours after he shall have become aware thereof and able so to do, enter on the minutes of the Board of Directors his protest against the same and do within eight days thereafter publish such protest in at least one newspaper published at, or as near as may be possible to, the office or chief place of business of the Company, such Director may thereby, and not otherwise, exonerate himself from such liability;

How any  
Director may  
avoid such  
liability.

Penalty for  
lending money  
to Stock-  
holders.

32. No loan shall be made by the Company to any Shareholder, and if such be made, all Directors and other officers of the Company making the same, or in any wise assenting thereto, shall be jointly and severally liable to the Company for the amount of such loan,—and also to third parties, to the extent of such loan with legal interest,—for all debts of the Company contracted from the time of the making of such loan to that of the re-payment thereof;

Shareholders  
may be parties or witnesses, when  
Company is a party.

33. Any description of action may be prosecuted and maintained between the Company and any Shareholder thereof; and no Shareholder, not being himself a party to such suit, shall be incompetent as a witness therein;

Forfeiture of  
charter by  
non-user.

34. The Charter of the Company shall be forfeited by non-user during three consecutive years, at any one time, or if the Company do not go into actual operation within three years.

after it is granted; and no declaration of such forfeiture by any Act of the Legislature shall be deemed an infringement of such Charter.

IN TESTIMONEY WHEREOF we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin the Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY VISCOUNT MONCK, Baron Monck of Ballytrammion, in the County of Wexford, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our CITY of Quebec, in our said Province, this sixteenth day of March, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five and in the twenty eight year of Our Reign.

BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
MELBOURNE SLATE COMPANY.

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ARTICLE I.

NAME.

Said Corporation shall be known and called by the name of  
THE MELBOURNE SLATE COMPANY,

ARTICLE II.

DIRECTORS —DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven members, to be chosen annually by ballot, four of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and said Board shall choose one of their number to be President of the Corporation, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the Corporation and Directors, and in general to preform all the duties incident to such corporate office. In his absence, the Board may appoint a President, *pro tempore*, with like powers, and shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in their number.

ARTICLE III.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

A Secretary, and Treasurer, who may be one and the same person, shall be appointed and chosen by the stockholders, at their first meeting, and thereafter at the annual meetings of the Company; and shall continue in office until the next succeeding annual meeting, or until others are chosen and accepted in their places.

## DUTIES OF DIRECTORS.

The Directors shall have the general supervision and control of the Company's affairs. They shall hold their first meeting upon due notice being given, by the Secretary, and thereafter shall meet at such times and places as they may deem needful and convenient.

The Secretary shall notify meetings of the Directors upon request of any two of their number, by giving at least ten days, written or printed notice of the time and place thereof, to each Director.

The Directors may appoint such agents or superintendants as they may deem best, and may fix the compensation of the Treasurer, or of any other person employed by the Company. They shall also, from time to time, order such division of the profits of the Company as they may think advisable, not inconsistent with the Letters Patent of the corporation.

## ARTICLE IV.

## DUTIES OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of all moneys, valuable papers, books, and accounts of the Company, subject at all times to the inspection and control of the Directors. He shall give or negotiate such notes or bills of exchange for such amounts, and at such times, as the business of the Company may require, and at the Directors' order, but for no other purpose.

He shall record all transfers of stock, shall cancel and carefully preserve certificates of all stock transferred, and shall perform all duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer.

## BONDS.

He shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in such sum as shall be satisfactory to the Directors.

## ARTICLE V.

## ANNUAL MEETINGS,- SPECIAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held on the second Wednesday of October, in each year, at such time and place as the Directors shall designate,—printed or written notice of which shall be mailed by the Secretary to each stockholder, postage prepaid, ten days at least before the day of meeting: and special meetings may be called by



giving written or printed notice to each stockholder, as above provided by order of the Board, at the request of the President, or of stockholders representing one-fifth of the capital stock.

## ARTICLE VI.

### RECORDS.

A record of all proceedings of Corporation, of the By-laws, and of all conveyances to and from the corporation, shall be kept by the Secretary, and the Directors shall also cause a record to be kept of their proceedings, which shall be subject to examination of the stockholders at any meeting of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE VII.

### SEAL.

The Corporation seal shall be a circle, on which shall be borne the name of the Company and the year of its organization. It shall be in the custody of the Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### SEMI ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

The Directors shall cause a Semi Annual examination of the Treasurer's accounts with the vouchers therefor, to be made by a committee of the Board, who shall sign a report thereof upon the Directors' records.

### STOCKHOLDERS' EXAMINATION.

At the annual meeting a similar examination shall be made by a committee of the stockholders, whose report signed by them shall be entered by the committee upon the records of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE IX.

All notes, acceptances, contracts, and obligations to be binding upon the Corporation shall have affixed to them the signature of the Treasurer of the Company.

## ARTICLE X.

### CAPITAL STOCK.

The capital stock of the Corporation shall be the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, to consist of 8000 shares of the par value of

50 dollars each, certificates of which, duly numbered, signed by the President and Treasurer, shall be issued to the several stockholders, under the seal of the Corporation, and be duly recorded by the Secretary, upon their first issue, and every subsequent transfer of the same.

## ARTICLE XI.

### ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws, of the Corporation may be altered, amended or repealed at any annual or special meeting by a vote at least two-thirds the stock represented at such meeting, provided the stockholders are notified in the call for such meeting, that an alteration, amendment or repeal may be proposed.

## APPENDIX.

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We call attention to the following statements of disinterested Scientific and Practical men :

ROBERT BELL, Esq., of Geological Survey of Canada and Professor of Natural Sciences in Queen's College Kingston, in an essay, read before the Natural History Society, says:—"Among the desirable qualities of a good Slate are uniformity of color, smoothness of surface, durability and strength with lightness, all of which are possessed in an eminent degree by those of the Walton (now Melbourne Co's) Quarry, the Slates from it being equal to any in the world. They are of a bluish black color, contain no carbonate of lime, are unaffected by acids and are almost perfectly non-absorbent, and thus can in no way be affected by the weather. The rock is fine grained and splits with great facility when newly taken from the Quarry, but the Slates harden rapidly and acquire great toughness and strength.

MR. CHARLES ROBB, of Montreal, Mining Engineer, in an article published in the "Journal of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Upper Canada," June, 1863, with reference to this Quarry, among other things, remarks:—

"As regards the excellent quality of the Melbourne Slates, I can speak with the utmost confidence. The Quarry has only been worked to the depth of seventy feet, while some of the Welsh Slate Quarries are worked (as this is capable of being) to the depth of 400 feet below the surface. It is well known that the Slate always improves in hardness, toughness, uniformity of color, and all other desirable qualities the deeper it is wrought; but even at the moderate depth hitherto attained the Melbourne Slates leave little further to be desired in these respects

and are not inferior to any in the world. Their color is unaffected by acids, they are perfectly non-absorbent of water : and consequently unaffected by frost, and when struck with a hard body, emit the metallic ring so much prized by Slaters.

With regard to quantity it will be obvious from the extent of the Slate rock on the property and its probable uniformity of character that these Quarries may be regarded as practically inexhaustable.

SIR WILLIAM E. LOGAN, in his "descriptive Catalogue of Economic Minerals of Canada sent to the London International Exhibition for 1862," thus speaks in remarking of this Quarry, the band of Slate is in immediate contact with the summit of serpentine, it has a breadth of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile, the face now exposed has a height of seventy-five feet, and the fall from the position where the Quarry is now worked to the level of the St. Francis, is upwards of four hundred feet. Slate as a covering costs about  $\frac{1}{4}$  more than Skingles,  $\frac{1}{2}$  less than Tin, and  $\frac{1}{3}$  less than Galvanized Iron. To shew that slate as a covering is well adapted to resist the influences of a Canadian climate it may be here stated that Slates from Angers in France have been exposed on the roof of the Seminary Building, on the corner of Notre Dame and St. Francois Xavier Streets, Montreal, for upwards of 100 years without any perceptible deterioration. The strong resemblance between these and the Slates at Melbourne, as well as those of Bangor, Wales, may be seen in the following comparative analysis by Mr. T. Sterry Hunt :

|                        | WELSH. | FRENCH. | MELBOURNE. |
|------------------------|--------|---------|------------|
| Silicia .....          | 60.50  | 57.00   | 64.20      |
| Alumina .....          | 19.70  | 20.10   | 16.80      |
| Protoxyde of Iron..... | 7.83   | 10.98   | 4.23       |
| Lime .....             | 1.12   | 1.23    | .73        |
| Magnesia.....          | 2.20   | 3.39    | 3.94       |
| Potash.....            | 3.18   | 1.73    | 3.36       |
| Soda .....             | 2.20   | 1.30    | 3.07       |
| Water ....             | 3.30   | 4.40    | 3.40       |
|                        | 100.03 | 100.13  | 99.63      |

—Sir Wm. Logan's *Descriptive Catalogue*, page 41.

But Wm. LOGAN, on another occasion, remarks of the Slates of the Melbourne Slate Co.'s (formerly Walton's) Quarry:—"Within the last two years considerable quantities of these Slates have been brought into the Canadian Market where they are likely to replace to a great extent, the metal roofing hitherto so commonly employed. The Slate is bluish-purple in color, fine grained, and splits with facility into thin plates, which have the smoothness and strength required for good roofing Slates, and will compare favourably with the best from other countries. This Slate is entirely free from carbonate of lime, and does not appear to be affected by the action of the weather."

In addition to the foregoing, it may not be improper to add that Mr. Walton was awarded an Exhibition Medal for the excellence of his slates, forwarded to the International Exhibition at London in 1862, by Sir Wm. Logan.

G. W. REED, Esq., an experienced Slate Merchant of Montreal, says of these Slates:—"I have used for several years, the Slate from Mr. Walton's Quarries in Melbourne. The color of these Slates, which is a dark blue, is of a very pleasing hue, and is remarkably uniform; their cleavage is perfect, as the grain is very distinct, they punch perfectly without scalp, they are a strong Slate, especially with the grain, and are free from deleterious ingredients, such as iron, lime &c.; they will not be liable to tarnish or decay, and are of such a quality as to render the importation of foreign Slate altogether unnecessary."

Similar statements of Slaters who have had large experience in laying Slates produced at different Quarries, at home and abroad, might be added to any desirable extent, to prove the character of our slate, if it were necessary.

| Size of Slate. | No. in a Square. | Size of Slate. | No. in a Square. | Size of Slate. | No. in a Square. |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 24 x 14        | 98               | 18 x 10        | 192              | 14 x 9         | 291              |
| 24 x 12        | 114              | 18 x 9         | 213              | 14 x 8         | 327              |
| 22 x 12        | 126              | 16 x 10        | 222              | 14 x 7         | 374              |
| 22 x 11        | 138              | 16 x 9         | 246              | 12 x 8         | 400              |
| 20 x 11        | 154              | 16 x 8         | 277              | 12 x 7         | 457              |
| 20 x 10        | 169              | 14 x 10        | 262              | 12 x 6         | 533              |

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## RATES OF FREIGHT FROM RICHMOND, C.E.

The following are the Rates of Freight charged by the Grand Trunk Railway, for transportation of ROOFING SLATES, from the Melbourne Slate Company's Quarries, arranged with F. C. STRATTON, Esquire, Freight Manager:—

### FROM RICHMOND.

| TO                   | PER<br>CAR. | PER<br>Square | TO                | PER<br>CAR. | PER<br>Square |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Sherbrooke .....     | \$12.50     | .31           | Kingston .....    | \$34.00     | .85           |
| Coaticook .....      | 15.00       | .37           | Napanee .....     | 37.00       | .92           |
| Island Pond .....    | 17.00       | .42           | Belleville .....  | 39.00       | .97           |
| South Paris .....    | 26.00       | .65           | Cobourg .....     | 42.00       | 1.05          |
| Danville Junction .. | 35.00       | .88           | Port Hope .....   | 42.00       | 1.05          |
| Portland .....       | 35.00       | .88           | Port Whitby ..... | 44.00       | 1.10          |
| Danville .....       | 10.06       | .25           | Toronto .....     | 45.00       | 1.12          |
| Arthabaska .....     | 12.00       | .30           | Brampton .....    | 46.00       | 1.15          |
| Becancour .....      | 16.00       | .40           | Guelph .....      | 50.00       | 1.25          |
| Point Levi .....     | 20.00       | .50           | Staford .....     | 50.00       | 1.25          |
| Acton .....          | 12.50       | .31           | Galt .....        | 50.00       | 1.25          |
| St. Hyacinthe .....  | 15.00       | .37           | Paris .....       | 50.00       | 1.25          |
| St. Hilaire .....    | 16.00       | .40           | Brantford .....   | 60.00       | 1.50          |
| Montreal .....       | 17.50       | .44           | Caledonia .....   | 60.00       | 1.50          |
| St. Remi .....       | 20.00       | .50           | Dunville .....    | 60.00       | 1.50          |
| Province Line .....  | 21.00       | .52           | St. Mary's .....  | 50.00       | 1.25          |
| Lachine .....        | 18.00       | .45           | London .....      | 50.00       | 1.25          |
| Cornwall .....       | 25.00       | .62           | Lucan .....       | 50.00       | 1.25          |
| Prescott .....       | 28.00       | .70           | Craig's .....     | 50.00       | 1.25          |
| Ottawa .....         |             |               | Widder .....      | 60.00       | 1.50          |
| Brockville .....     | 30.00       | .77           | Sarnia .....      | 60.00       | 1.50          |
| Lansdowne .....      | 32.00       | .82           |                   |             |               |

The above are the Rates by the Car Load of 40 Squares.

Orders addressed to "THE MELBOURNE SLATE CO., Melbourne, Canada East," will receive prompt attention.

D. C. ROGERS, Agent.

MELBOURNE, C. E. September, 1865.